

Houston, to be established across the country to serve other communities.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5587 to ensure that we are addressing substance abuse in the United States as efficiently as possible.

RECOGNIZING TROOPER II BRANDON WEST AS THE 2018 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR RECIPIENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend 2018 Bronze Medal of Valor Trooper II Brandon D. West for his extraordinary service and superior dedication to public safety he displays on a daily basis.

For the past 32 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to our police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service. Each year, we gather to recognize the remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals.

In 2014, Trooper West received the Virginia State Police Superintendent's Award of Honor, the American Red Cross Lifesaving Award, and the Prince William Chamber of Commerce Silver Medal of Valor Award for his bravery, selflessness, and quick action in rescuing an individual and his dog before their disabled vehicle was engulfed in flames. These are just a few of the honors and awards bestowed to Trooper West in recognition of his dedication to public safety.

During a shift in 2017, Trooper West was stationary on Interstate 95 northbound at the Occoquan Bridge when he saw a Dodge pickup truck with a large trailer pull to the right shoulder of the bridge. Trooper West proceeded to the location. Fairfax Communications sent out a call for a safety service to respond and informed Trooper West that an additional request for rescue services had been dispatched. Upon his arrival to the scene, a passenger informed Trooper West that the driver was injured. Trooper West found the driver pale and in possible shock. Seeing a large amount of blood on the floorboard, Trooper West realized a broken drive shaft had come through the floor of the pickup, striking the driver and severing part of his leg. Trooper West applied a tourniquet to the driver's leg to slow the loss of blood. The tourniquet kept slipping, so Trooper West held the tourniquet in place until rescue services arrived and applied a second tourniquet. Ultimately, the driver was flown from the scene in good condition, thanks to Trooper West's rescue efforts.

In recognition of his act of valor, extraordinary dedication, and outstanding performance under unusually difficult circumstances, it is my honor to include in the RECORD Bronze Medal for Valor Award recipient, Trooper Brandon D. West of the Virginia State Police. Trooper West has exemplified the noble mission of all law-enforcement officers: to protect and serve in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in recognizing Trooper II Brandon D. West and in

congratulating him on receiving the 2018 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Bronze Medal of Valor Award. The selfless act of heroism by Trooper West merits our highest praise. I thank Trooper West, as well as all Virginia State Police law enforcement professionals, for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

TRIBUTE TO NORMA AND KENNY ARCHER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Norma and Kenny Archer of Honey Creek, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on June 9, 2018 at the Archer Farm in Honey Creek.

Norma and Kenny's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING SRI VIJAYESHWARI DEVI

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Sri Vijayeshwari Devi, known to her many admirers as Amma Sri Karunamayi or "Amma," for her exemplary efforts in bringing peace and understanding not only to the people of India, but to all nations.

Amma was born in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. As a child, she was drawn to a spiritual existence, and spent most of her young adult life absorbed in prayer and meditation. After a period of intense reflection, Amma began a life of advocacy for the poor and disenfranchised, publicly speaking throughout India on the issues of nonviolence, equality, and respect for all people regardless of gender, religion, race or social status. Her teachings have led her across the globe, speaking to countless followers and performing humanitarian work wherever the need is greatest.

To realize her vision of a more just world, Amma and her organization offer a host of services to underserved men, women and children in the United States, India and Africa. These services include organizing and providing, among other things, free medical care, clean water, free education, free food, leprosy care, and wheelchair distribution. Amma believes in pursuing sustainable development that enable families trapped in poverty to give a better future to their children.

Amma is beloved by many as a Hindu saint, and has a large following in my district. Her humanitarian efforts have been recognized and celebrated by, among others, Congressman DANNY DAVIS, Congressman BILL FOSTER, Governor Pat Quinn, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and President Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Amma's selfless and compassionate devotion to all people, and her work to bring peace and understanding to our world.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5197 ALTER-NATIVES TO OPIOIDS (ALTO) IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5197, the Alternatives to Opioids in the Emergency Department Act, or the ALTO Act.

Mr. Speaker, our nation faces an opioid crisis.

H.R. 5197, the ALTO Act, directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a demonstration program to test alternative pain management protocols to limit the use of opioids in hospitals and emergency departments.

Opioids contributed to the deaths of more than 42,000 people in 2016, more than any year on official record.

Forty percent of all opioid overdose deaths involve a prescription opioid.

The economic burden of prescription opioid misuse in the United States is estimated to be \$78.5 billion dollars per year.

This figure includes costs stemming from health care, including addiction treatment, lost productivity, and criminal justice involvement.

Over 200 million opioid prescriptions are written in the United States each year, and 2 million Americans have the symptoms of substance use disorder.

Approximately 21 to 29 percent of patients prescribed opioids for chronic pain misuse them.

In Texas, 4 percent of the population reports using pain relievers for non-medical purposes.

Harris County, which contains my home district, has a pain medication misuse rate of 3.91 percent.

The time for action is now.

H.R. 5197, the ALTO Act, directs Health and Human Services to carry out a 3-year demonstration program which awards grants to hospitals and emergency departments to develop, implement, enhance, or study alternative pain management protocols and treatments that promote the appropriate limited use of opioids.

Emergency departments in several States, including in New Jersey and Colorado, have developed innovative programs to more widely utilize non-opioid pain treatments to reduce the use of opioids.

We must learn from these attempts and initiate a national program to limit the overuse of opioids in emergency settings.

However, it is important to realize that some groups, such as African Americans, are underprescribed pain management medications.